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## NANKING ANSWERS MOLOTOV

### No Discussion At Moscow Without China

### Foreign Minister's Statement

Nanking, Mar. 11.  
In no manner will the Chinese Government agree to the inclusion of China's internal problems on the agenda of the Moscow Conference, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, declared in a statement issued this afternoon.

The internal problems of any state are not subject to discussion by the Council of Foreign Ministers, he stated, in commenting on reports reaching here that M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, had proposed that China be discussed by the Moscow Conference.

Dr. Wang Shih-chieh's statement, following the Chinese Government's official notice of the reported proposal of M. Molotov to include problems relating to China on the agenda of the Moscow Conference of four Foreign Ministers, but on this matter, the Chinese Government had previously made it clear in notes to the four foreign ministers that the agenda of the Moscow conference should be confined to problems of peace settlements for Austria and Germany, and any extension of the agenda must be a matter for prior consultation and agreement among the five foreign ministers.

**Will Not Agree**  
"It cannot be overstressed that the internal problems of any state, represented in the Council of Foreign Ministers do not lie within the scope of deliberations by the Council nor can such problems be allowed to form the subject of agreement among other members of the Council."

"The Chinese Government will not in any manner agree to the inclusion of such problems on the agenda of the Conference."

Nanking has been full of speculation during the past two months regarding this possible move as now made by M. Molotov. China attempted to forestall such action by exchanging notes early in February with the Big Four, asking that the agenda of the Moscow Conference be confined to German and Austrian peace settlements, and that Chinese problems be excluded.—Reuter.

**Anti-Foreign Posters**  
Shanghai, Mar. 11.  
While Chinese official sources awaited Secretary of State George Marshall's reply to M. Molotov's proposal to place war-torn China on the agenda of the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow, Shanghai awoke today to find many of the city's streets plastered with placards opposing foreign intervention.

(News of M. Molotov's proposal reached Shanghai at 4 a.m. local time) but early

## SWITCH BY SOVIET?

London, Mar. 11.  
Fears that the Soviet move to place discussion of the Chinese situation on the agenda of the Moscow Conference foreshadows a switch of support from the Kuomintang Government in Nanking to the Communists in Yenan were being expressed by diplomatic observers in London today.

The fears were increased by today's comment in the official Soviet Government organ, Izvestia, saying: "The dictatorship of reactionary circles in the Kuomintang has increased." Hitherto, the allegation in China has been prevented from being a source of discord between Moscow and the western capitals by the Soviet decision to support the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and, in deference to China's status as a great power and ally, no attempt was made by the Big Three at the last Moscow conference to urge a formal switch of support from the Government of Nanking to the Communists in Yenan. However, the Kuomintang Government has been unable to prevent the Communists from continuing their propaganda campaign in the West, and the Soviet move to place the Chinese situation on the agenda of the Moscow Conference is seen as a switch of support from the Kuomintang Government in Nanking to the Communists in Yenan.

### EX-QUEEN IN LONDON

London, Mar. 10.  
Former Queen Ena Victoria of Spain arrived at London airport this afternoon aboard a British South American Airways plane from Lisbon. The plane managed an extraordinary landing on a fog-enshrouded runway. The Queen had spent the winter in Portugal with her son.—United Press.

### Paraguay Rebellion

Montevideo, Mar. 11.  
The Government radio in revolt-torn Paraguay appealed to the 15,000 residents of Concepcion to evacuate the city before it was attacked by Government troops in an effort to crush the rebellion by the insurgent army garrison. The radio appeal indicated the revolt is still raging although several hours earlier the Paraguayan Ministry of the Interior announced "all garrisons now have reiterated their adherence to the Government." "The rebellion apparently is part of a plot against the Government of President Higinio Morinigo, which flared into bloody action last Friday. Then a band, said by the Government to be composed of Communists and members of the opposition, the Febrerista Party, attacked a police office in the capital.—Associated Press.

## Order Restored By British Troops

New Delhi, Mar. 10.  
British troops today enforced an armed peace in the Punjab after three days of mob rule and looting had destroyed five per cent of the city of Lahore. Other parts of the province were also reported under control, save for rural districts around Rawalpindi in the north.

### Russian Plan Rejected

Lake Success, Mar. 11.  
Warren Austin of the United States, today flatly rejected Soviet Russia's counter-plan for atomic control, charging that it would provide for a system which "at worst would be a constant incentive to distrust and war." The chief American delegate also told the United Nations Security Council that his country was not attempting to establish an atomic energy monopoly.

### POST-MORTEM ON PEER

London, Mar. 10.  
A post-mortem examination revealed today that Lord Ashley, who named the late Douglas Fairbanks as a correspondent when his first marriage ended in divorce, died of coronary thrombosis.

Dr. W. McNaughton, who performed the examination, said no inquest would be held. Lord Ashley, 46, eldest son of the Earl of Shaftesbury, was found dead in bed at his home near Cranborne, Dorset, on Saturday night.—United Press.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov rejected a suggestion that China should be invited to sit at the conference table. He said that the Chinese Government had not yet accepted the invitation to attend the conference.

## BLOWN OUT OF PLANE

Gander, Newfoundland, Mar. 11.  
Navigator, George Hart of a TWA Constellation en route to Geneva from New York via Gander, was blown out of the plane and presumably drowned in the Atlantic when the pressurized cabin accidentally tore loose.

None of the other five crewmen or the 18 passengers were injured. Because he was ordered to head for the Azores instead of Shannon due to bad weather, but unwilling to proceed without a navigator, pilot Captain de Hamilton turned the plane back to Gander and landed at 10:57 p.m. EST.

The accident happened three hours out of Gander eastward. Hart was in the dome taking readings and was blown out by the force of air leaving the pressurized cabin.—United Press.

Reuter adds the accident happened when the plane was flying at a speed of 250 miles an hour at a height of 15,000 feet. All shipping in the western Atlantic has been asked to keep a watch for Hart.

### WEHRMACHT WAS KINDHEARTED

Venice, Mar. 10.  
Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, former German Commander in Italy, told the British court here today that he was not a war criminal. He said that he was kindhearted towards the British and that he was not a war criminal. He said that he was kindhearted towards the British and that he was not a war criminal. He said that he was kindhearted towards the British and that he was not a war criminal.

### U.S. Arms For Spain?

London, Mar. 10.  
Allegations that United States war stores are finding their way to Spain through irregular channels are made in this week's issue of "Spanish News-Letter" published in London. The publication, of Spanish Republican origin, attributes to a Madrid correspondent a report that "for some time the United States—officials have been investigating the activities of certain American businessmen who act as agents for Spanish official buyers of North African war surplus supplies—which the Spaniards are deemed ineligible to purchase."

One transaction is said to have amounted to a quarter of a million pounds, which means that the original cost of the stores was about \$1,250,000. The supplies, which are bought from dumps in North Africa, are transported to Tangier and thence shipped to Spain, are said to include lorries, aircraft parts and radio and radar equipment.

The report asserts that this trading, which is entirely unauthorized, is done with United States citizens and employees who are not made as to whether they intend to re-sell. The report adds: "The total acquired must amount to millions of pounds worth of excellent war supplies."—Reuter.

### NAZIS ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Mar. 10.  
A spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior said today that nearly 100 arrests had been made in connection with the roundup of a subversive Nazi gang in the American zone of Austria. The spokesman said activities of the ring so far as known had been confined to blackmarket operations, with the apparent aim of obtaining funds "to go into the Jewish business."

The government issued a communiqué informing the Austrian press that publication of "any further details of the arrest of former S.S. General Walter Rattelsberger and his gang would be a violation of law."—United Press.

### British Note To Belgrade

London, Mar. 11.  
A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain had sent a note to the Yugoslav Government protesting against the seizure of ten Italian merchant vessels. The British contention is that Yugoslavia, as a party to the Italian peace treaty, is bound by the armistice terms, agreeing that all Italian merchant shipping should be made available for disposal by the United Nations.

Although most of the Italian fleet fell into British hands, none was seized as prize after the armistice, the spokesman added. The note was sent on February 18, but no reply has been received, he revealed.—United Press.

### CHINA BUILDING FIRE

Shanghai, Mar. 11.  
A building in a district on the left bank of the Yangtze River caught fire today and was burning furiously. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the building's wiring. The fire department is working to contain the blaze.

## Big Thaw Arrives

London, Mar. 10.  
The thaw which Britain was prematurely promised last week, now really seems to have arrived—bringing with it slush, mud and fog and floods.

All shipping, including colliers for London, was brought to a halt early today as thick fog covered the Thames estuary. By this afternoon the fog in the Straits of Dover was being described as the worst of the winter.

The stream of warm air from the southwest, which the Air Ministry forecasts will spread to the whole country, has already freed most roads and railways. In London the temperature rose to 43 degrees by early afternoon, six lower than in yesterday's brilliant sunshine.

One result of the recent bitter cold was that at Bootle, Lancashire, pneumatic drills were used in the local cemetery for ten days to break through 20 inches of icehard earth. More than 20 graves were dug in this fashion.—Reuter.

## Red Ill-Treatment Of Missionaries

Peiping, Mar. 10.  
Three planes of the United States 332nd Squadron today evacuated 25 missionaries from Shihchiachuang, in Hopei, 150 miles south of Peiping on the Peiping Hankow railway, at the request of the United States Consulate in Peiping.

The evacuation was arranged primarily for Mrs. Lillian Jenness, Presbyterian missionary from Cambridge, Mass., but included all other missionaries in the region desirous of returning to Peiping. The majority evacuated were Poles, including Bishop Ignatius Krause who, in Peiping, told the Press that the Communist authorities were persecuting Christian missionaries, both Catholic and Protestants.

Krause, described "public humiliation meetings" at which, he said, priests and nuns were slapped, beaten and had their clothes torn off by the Communists. Mrs. Jenness, the only American evacuated, said she had been held under house arrest for 70 days in a mission school in Singtai, near Shihchiachuang, until just before her evacuation, but said she was well treated.

Bishop Krause is also from Singtai where he had a large mission, including a school and a hospital. The black-bearded, voluble bishop outspokenly assailed the Communist authorities for mistreatment of missionaries.

"One of the most ridiculous Communist accusations against us was that the mission hospital tricked in blood and gouged out the eyes and hearts of living patients. At one humiliation meeting at which I was slapped and kicked the Communist staff under my charge of being guilty through negligence of 300 deaths. At another humiliation meeting Communist hoodlums—slapped the face of a Polish sister, blackening her eyes and breaking her nose, and tore off her clothes." (The bishop said that two Chinese priests and one

## SEAFIRE DRAMA IN MIRS BAY

Grave fears are felt for the safety of a Fleet Air Arm pilot attached to H.M.S. Nabcatcher who is believed to have baled out of his plane in the vicinity of Mirs Bay yesterday afternoon. The pilot, the sole occupant of the plane and whose name has not been revealed, took off from Kai Tak in a Seafire fighter on a routine flight.

Contact between Kai Tak and the Seafire was lost shortly afterwards but there was no hint of anything wrong until a report was made by the pilot of an incoming C.N.A.C. passenger plane from Shanghai to the airfield.

The C.N.A.C. pilot reported receiving a message from the Seafire which was then in the vicinity of Mirs Bay.

The message said tersely: "Running out of petrol. Am bailing out."

**Fishermen's Story**  
Since this time no further definite word has been received of the fate of the plane, though fishermen who returned to Taiipo last evening reported seeing a plane crash in Mirs Bay.

was despatched from Hong Kong last night to Mirs Bay to conduct a search, in which police launches are also participating, while merchant vessels in the vicinity of Hong Kong have been asked by wireless to keep a look-out for the pilot.

## Terrorists Keep It Up

Jerusalem, March 11.  
The explosion of landmines and hand-grenades shattered the silence in the northeast section of Jerusalem today, and squads of armed British troops accompanied by armoured police cars moved into the city's areas. Although no general alert was sounded for troops, the soldiers began to move in substantial numbers immediately after the explosion.

The blast was followed by a few rounds of rifle fire apparently from the direction of the zone under military rule.—Associated Press.

## Withdrawal Of Red Army

Leipzig, Mar. 10.  
General Kominsky, commander of the Leipzig area in the Soviet occupation zone, announced today that three-fourths of Red Army troops in that sector have been withdrawn from Germany as part of the overall demobilization of the Red Army whereby 15 classes drafted during the war have been released to meet Russia's desperate need of manpower to rebuild devastated areas and increase food production.

He said Russia, needing even more manpower at home, cannot continue heavy occupation of foreign countries.—United Press.

## H.K. - SAIGON AIR LINE

Paris, Mar. 11.  
Air France announces plans for a new airline between Hong Kong and Saigon.

The announcement said negotiations with the Chinese are now under way for landing permits in Canton and Hainan.—Associated Press.

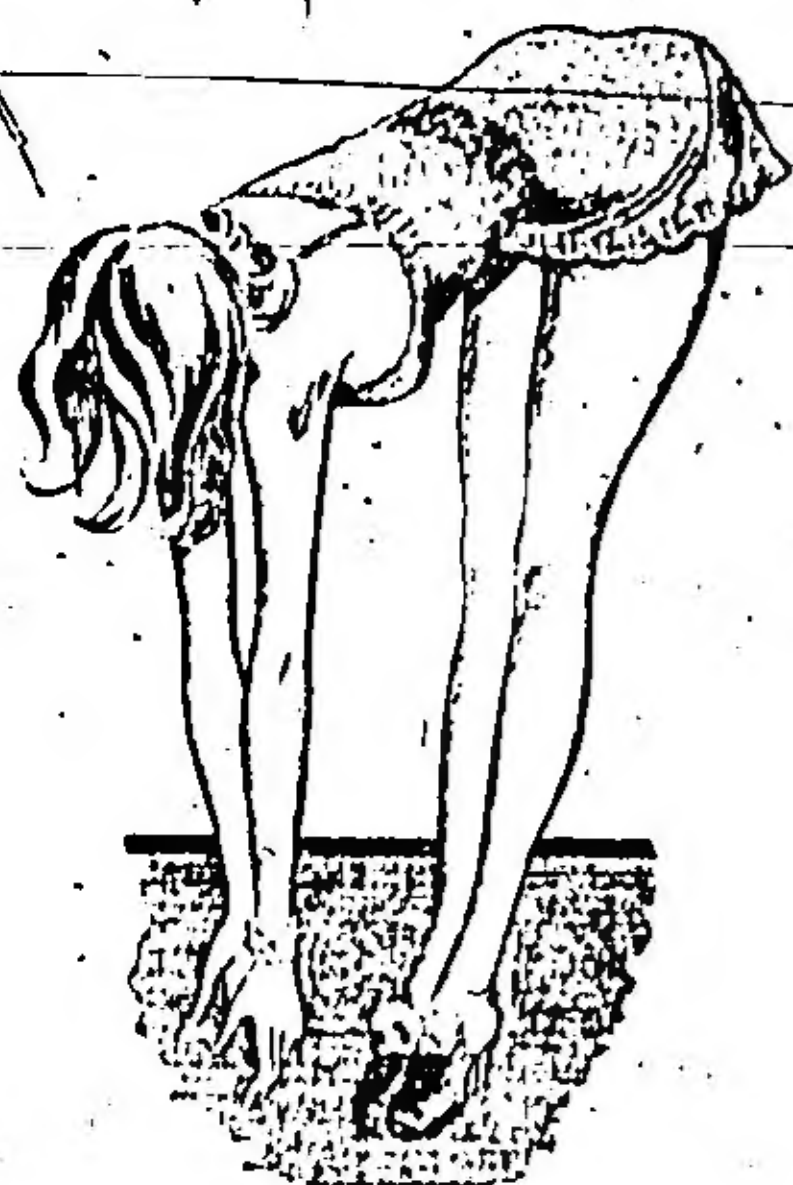
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## DEATHS OF VOLUNTEERS Evidence By No. 3 M.G. Coy. Personnel

### Aviation Mission Arrives

The party of technical representatives of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Air Ministry and British Overseas Airways Corporation which is on a tour of the Far East examining aeroplanes and making recommendations regarding their development, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, and were met by Group Captain E. A. Jones, Station Commander, R.A.F. Kai Tak, Mr. M. Oxford, Acting Director of Air Services, and Mr. A. D. Bonnett, Area Manager of B.O.A.C.

The leader of the party, Mr. G. Warrall of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (C.I.) Division, outlined the general programme of the mission in the following terms:

To examine aeroplanes of new type, if necessary, on the U.K./India/Ceylon, U.K./Australia and U.K./Far East land plane routes, and report on the relative dimensions and bearing strengths at each end of the route, the possibility of developing each up to P.C.A.O. (Provisional) International standards.

As far as possible, to estimate the cost of making good deficiencies between existing provision and the corresponding P.C.A.O. standard, and to estimate of the time required for the work, available local labour, plant and materials, and to report thereon to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

To incorporate in the reports the general nature of existing facilities, administrative, domestic and technical at each aerodrome or site, the extent to which these facilities are available for civil aviation purposes, and, regarding that they are, their condition and suitability.

To examine, in consultation with local authorities, and to report on existing and proposed facilities for control, telecommunications, meteorology and navigation aids for the U.K./India/Ceylon, U.K./Australia and U.K./Far East trunk routes.

The mission is expected to stay in Hong Kong six days.

### H.K. ELECTRIC STATEMENT

The H.K. Electric Company have issued a Statement of the Company's Accounts for the period 1st September 1946 to 31st December 1946.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$2,224,641.50 after allowing for depreciation. After deducting the debit on Profit and Loss Appropriation Account amounting to \$2,178,073.23 an amount of \$46,568.27 is left for appropriation.

The Directors recommend that this balance be disposed of as follows:—To Provision for Contingencies \$700,000.00; To carry forward to 1947 \$46,568.27.

## Readers' Letters

### Income Tax

Sir,—In the course of the next few weeks, we will no doubt hear from leading private individuals and public bodies much criticism of the Government's intention regarding taxation, and it is to be hoped that such criticism will be of a constructive and not only destructive nature. I have read the views of the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, who apart from urging Government to postpone the introduction of income tax, offers no suggestion as to how the Government are to raise money to carry on the administration and essential rehabilitation work, except to make a proposal that Government should issue bonds and account for these by taking reparations from Japan.

It has already been announced that Government will have to raise money by a Rehabilitation loan to balance the deficit in the budget. It will be years, if ever, before substantial reparations can be obtained from Japan, and there are many parts of the Colony, China, the Philippines, Java and Malaya, that will justly require the major part of these reparations. Surely it is not the suggestion of a financial expert like the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce that the budget of the Colony should continue to remain heavily unbalanced, and the deficit increase daily? Does he suggest that this should be balanced by the process of inflation, and the system we have seen in China develop in the Colony? Surely no one in the Colony, except perhaps the many professional currency gamblers wishes to see an unstable Hong Kong dollar. The alternative to a new taxation would be a tremendous cut in the cost of the administration of the Colony, such as a reduction in the Police Force, the Medical Dept., the Public Works Dept., and the Education Dept., and no real friend of the Colony wishes to see that.

It must be very plainly understood that the British Government has been a tremendous help to the British Government, financial and otherwise, in our work of rehabilitation of the old Country and over-taxed is not in a position to help us further. Her problems are too many and too serious to be solved by the British Government. It has got to be admitted that, however, unpalatable from taxation must be raised, and it is not certain that Government would welcome any workable and sound suggestion. It is also to be noted that the Colony has no prospect of being able to stand up to taxation. Even in China heavy new taxes have been applied.

The writer is of the opinion that the proposed taxation will be a disaster to the Colony.

## Bayonnetted After Surrender Story

Members of No. 3 Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, gave evidence of the bayonetting of three of their comrades after they had surrendered to the Japanese at Stanley Gap in the late afternoon of Dec. 19, 1941, as the trial continued before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday of Major-General Shoji Toshishige, commanding officer of one of the three Japanese divisions taking part in the assault on Hong Kong Island.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant E. C. Fincher

said that he was captured with about 20 others in the late afternoon of Dec. 19. "We were assembled on the roadside and a Japanese officer was going through my pockets," witness said, "when a Japanese soldier caught sight of us and accused us in English of killing too many Japanese. He came across the road with his rifle lowered and made for some of the fellows at the back of me. I heard slight groans but did not see the actual bayonetting of the three men. They were undoubtedly killed by the same soldier."

"All this time the officer was going through my pockets and made no effort to stop this man. In fact, he threatened me with his sword. L. Cpl. Zimmermann, next to me, was also threatened. We were later bound and led past these three men lying in a pool of blood. We were then taken up to a small mess hut about 100 yards slightly uphill from where we were assembled where about 200 prisoners were crowded in."

That evening a Japanese officer paid us a visit and told us we were guests of the great Japanese Empire and should be as we were told. We asked him for medical supplies, having quite a number of wounded in the room, but none were forthcoming. Next morning, about seven or eight o'clock, we heard a lot of explosions outside. Suddenly a trench-mortar shell came through the roof and exploded in the room, causing 20 or 30 casualties. "We immediately asked for medical supplies and for a doctor. We were obliged to strip our shirts and use these with towels as bandages. We were then told we were going to be moved. We asked for stretchers, got none and took away what wounded we could with us. We were taken to North Point, the journey occupying about three hours."

"We were kept there overnight and then sent to the Maryknoll Mission in Kowloon where we were able to obtain medical supplies. Outside of the mission we took with us only one or two of the others we left who came back to us some weeks later. The hut in which we were kept the first night was so crowded that we took turns standing and sitting."

In reply to questions from the defence counsel, Mr. Tolano, witness said that the main Japanese attack came from the direction of Stubbs Road and Blue Pool Road. He could not say if the Japanese came from the direction of Mt. Nicholson. They had overrun the Japanese overland. His position had been ordered to stand to a few minutes before midnight on the 18th. Between 2 and 3 a.m. a runner had come in from one of the outposts at Jardine's Lookout to say that the position had been attacked and wiped out. Replying to questions from the Court, witness said that the "Q" Store where he was stationed had been under shell fire from trench mortars throughout the day and there had been one direct hit. Most of the company were in shelters when the Japanese appeared.

### Prisoners Lined Up

The next witness, L. Cpl. James G. Winyard, said that he had been stationed as local defence for the 5th A.A. Battery, his position covering Wong Nei Chong Road. He said that the Japanese ran the post some of them came from the direction of Sir Cecil's Ride, and others by Jardine's Lookout from the side of the mountain facing Kowloon. At the time of surrender he was with C.O.M.S. Fincher in one of the shelters.

He would place the hour of the surrender at about four o'clock, witness said. The prisoners were lined up by the side of the road with others who were captured elsewhere and collected at that point.

### Saw Bodies

Questioned by defence counsel, Winyard said there were about 100 Japanese in the party that captured the post. They had resisted the enemy for two or three hours. He had glanced behind him as the Japanese threw the first-mentioned prisoner over his shoulder. He had actually told him to stand up. He saw another prisoner, with his head bleeding after he had been hit over the head with a steel helmet. He had glanced away and did not see what happened further. Later, when being marched away he saw one body lying sprawled over another.

The next witness, Cpl. F. R. Zimmermann, said he had been stationed at Jardine's Lookout from Dec. 15. This was situated about the middle of Sir Cecil's Ride. A message to stand to had come in from the Company Commander, Capt. Holmes, a few minutes after midnight on the morning of the 19th. An attack on the position next to the one at which he was stationed came shortly afterwards. It was overrun in some 10 or 15 minutes.

He then fell back to our headquarters at "Blindy Gap." Zimmermann said he reported to Headquarters that we were attacked. By that time telephone lines running between Headquarters and the various pill-boxes had been cut.

### Head Stumped On

Witness said that he gave evidence that the Japanese had stumped the head of a prisoner and then thrown it away.

## Stole 70 Bottles

Convicted on a charge of larceny by trick, Lai Ki, 21, unemployed, was sentenced to 10 days' hard labour and two years' police supervision by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

Ho Sun, 29, unemployed, charged with aiding and abetting, was bound over in the sum of \$150 for 12 months. For a breach of his previous bond, Ho was fined \$150.

At 9.45 a.m. on March 7, two accused and a woman went to room 521, Bank of Canton Building, and wanted to buy some calcium gluconate. During bargaining, the woman disappeared and later both accused left, after which the man who served them discovered that 70 bottles of calcium gluconate were missing.

The goods were recovered from a shop in Lower Lascar Row and both accused arrested.

### FALSE PRETENCES

Before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday, Lee Ming, 33, and Lo Ping, 30, both unemployed, were charged with obtaining \$200 by false pretences from Miss Wong Yee-lin, of Room 608, China Building.

Lo was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour. Lo was discharged but was sentenced to six months for breach of his life-term debarment order.

On March 2, both accused went to Miss Wong and obtained \$200 by producing a letter saying that her friend, Miss Luy Po-ngau, was very ill.

Only two cases of smallpox were reported to the Health Authorities in the week ending March 8. Three deaths occurred from smallpox in this period. Sixty-six cases of tuberculosis were reported, with 37 deaths.

aged 10 standing next to me and bayoneted him. On my extreme left was a Chinese Lance-Corporal of the Volunteers. They pushed him over and three Japanese stamped on his head until he died. Two other Volunteers were also bayoneted to death. We were then tied up in two and led off to a shed. There were a little over a hundred people crowded into a very small hut."

"Under examination by defence counsel, witness said there were 29 people from his unit stationed in three pill-boxes at Jardine's Lookout. There were other pill-boxes to the right and other units on the left. The Japanese attack was strongly resisted. He said at least 20 had been killed and wounded when a shell exploded in the hut where they had been kept prisoners overnight. One of the two Volunteers bayoneted had also been standing by his side when the incident occurred. It appeared he was pushed from behind and then bayoneted."

Hearing of the case continues this morning.

## CABARET GIRLS IN ASSAULT CASE

"You have been very naughty girls and must be punished. You will have to pay complainant \$25 each as compensation and sign a bond of \$150 to be of good behaviour for 12 months," said Mr. Latimer to Pak Lan and Pak Ping, taxi-dancers, at the conclusion of the hearing of the summons against these two girls and Hung Ling, Chow Lei-wah and Pak Low, by Tsui Suet-tsan, floor manageress of the Imperial Dance Hall, Nathan Road, for assault on Feb. 19.

In evidence, complainant stated that on Feb. 2 a party of four Cantonese men called at the dance hall and asked to be introduced to some hostesses. She presented Pak Ping, a Shanghai girl, but was told later by the same men not to call her again as she could not speak Cantonese. So, continued witness, a Cantonese girl called Wong Yik-mung was introduced the next time the men called on Feb. 14.

Pak Ping, declared Tsui, went up to her and asked why she was not called by the clients and, on being told the reason, got into a temper and began to swear at her. At 1 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 19, continued witness, Pak Ping intercepted her as she was about to leave and, after repeating the question as to why she was not called, made as if to strike her. At that moment, said witness, the manager appeared and persuaded the five girls to go home in a taxi, while complainant made her way home.

### Alleged Bite

At about 7.30 p.m. the same evening, said Tsui, she returned to work wearing a gold finger ring (purchased on Jan. 10 last, for \$82.80) and a wristwatch purchased on Oct. 21, 1940, for \$46. At 8.15 p.m., Pak Ping came into the dance hall, said witness, and immediately went up to her, caught her by the sleeves and asked her to go out into the street "to talk things over."

As she was certain that she would be set upon in the street, continued Tsui, she refused to go and said that, as it was working hours, she must first obtain the permission of the manager. While they were arguing over the matter, said complainant, the manager came up and told them that no one was allowed to leave during working hours. Pak Lan then ran out from behind the manager, alleged the complainant, and gave her a resounding slap across the face, whereupon Pak Ping got hold of her head and pressed it to the ground. The other three defendants joined in the attack, declared witness. Chow Lei-wah bit her on the left wrist, Hung Ling twisted her arm behind her back, while Pak Ping punched her on the back with her fist, asserted complainant.

### Defendant's Story

After being subjected to such an assault, complained Tsui, she felt faint and, later, must have lost consciousness for the next thing she remembered was to have a price tag on the bulb.

being in the Lamatti Police Station. She was later told, she added, that she had been brought there in a rickshaw. When she regained consciousness, said complainant, she found that she was bleeding in the face and that the watch and ring were missing. She was sent to Kowloon Hospital for an examination.

Wong Yik-mun, manager of the dance hall, and Chan Chun, taxi-dancer, corroborated complainant's evidence. Pak Ping, in the witness stand, declared that she and complainant had a quarrel over the "Cantonese clients' choice" and that it was Tsui who struck the first blow. She denied that her sister, Pak Lan, and herself had ever been involved in a fight in the Hoi Chun Cabaret last year or in a brawl with some Portuguese dancing girls in Hillwood Road on Feb. 22.

## Money Mart

Gold advanced to \$270.50 a tael at the close of business yesterday. It had opened at \$273, and after relaying to \$272 it started a steady climb right up to the end. Plasters were steady, opening at \$10.05 per 100, and closing at \$10.00.

Chinese National Currency was again quiet with futures at 37.5 cents and spot at 38.5 cents (for CN\$1,000). U.S. dollars relapsed to \$4.80, and Sterling eased off slightly to \$14.40. Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.62.

### FOOD COSTS

Food and Fuel costs for the week ending March 8:—

	Cattle	Pigs
Rice and Flour	7.2	\$7.4800
Vegetable	1.9	2.200
Salt Cabbage	2	2.200
Oil	7	1.6520
Tea	2	.9000
Salt Fish	3	.5370
Fish	4	.6400
Pork	3	.8400
Firewood	10.0	1.1000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.7000
Total		\$14.9700

For removing four cubic yards of sand without permit by lorry from Gloucester Road to No. 188, Shaikwan Road, Cheung Tai-hing, 41, unemployed, was fined \$200 by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Summoned at the instance of the Price Control Office of the S.T. Department, Chan Cheung of Hung Cheung Electric Shop, 694 Portland Street, Kowloon, was fined \$50 for selling a "Nox" 100-watt electric bulb at \$3.20, or \$1 above the controlled price. He was further fined \$25 for failing to have a price tag on the bulb.



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# COURT ALLOWS APPEAL IN TENANCY CASE

An appeal by Ip Yick-chi of No. 5 Cheong Ming Street, 1st floor, against the decision of Mr. Justice Williams refusing an eviction order originally issued by a Tenancy Tribunal against her tenant, Wu Kwan-ol, living on the third floor of the same premises, was allowed by the Full Court of Appeal comprising Sir Henry Blackall, C.J., and Mr. Justice Gould, yesterday.

Mr. D. A. Bernicki instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan appeared for the Appellant, Ip Yick-chi. The Respondent, Wu Kwan-ol, was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida. Delivering judgment, Sir Henry Blackall said:

"The Appellant in this case is the owner of No. 5 Cheong Ming Street and the Respondent is the tenant of the third floor. As he refused to leave, the Appellant applied to the Tenancy Tribunal and obtained an eviction order on Sept. 2, 1946.

"The tenant appealed against this order to Mr. Justice Williams, who, on his behalf, argued that under paragraph (a) (1) and (ii) of Section 1, A (1) of Article 5 of the Proclamation, the occupation for which the premises is wanted as residence must be either for the landlord himself, or for a son or daughter over 18 years, and since the landlord's needs had suitable accommodation and her invalid child was under that age, he submitted that the order could not be made.

"This narrow interpretation of the paragraph has, however, been rejected in the recent case of South v. East (1944 All E.R. 672) which was not cited in the Court below. In that case, it was held that the words 'for himself' cover a case of a landlord wanting the premises as a family home.

"The questions then that the Tribunal had to consider were (a) whether the third floor flat was required for the needs of the landlord's family, and (b) whether the first floor alone was sufficient for their needs (for it is not suggested that any other accommodation was available). Since they found the order sought by the members were presumably satisfied on both these points, Williams, J., in his judgment reversing the Tribunal's decision, conceded that the health of the family should be taken into consideration and that it might be very desirable that the landlord should have the additional accommodation and he expressed great sympathy for her. He went on to say that were it not for the present overcrowding he might be prepared to hold that the landlord's need for additional accommodation was not suitable but in view of that overcrowding, she had not discharged the onus cast upon her.

**Landlord's Position**

"Let us consider what this onus would involve. It would appear

that in the learned Judge's view, it is incumbent upon a landlord to show not only that he requires the premises for the use of his family and that he has no other suitable accommodation but he must, in addition, satisfy the Tribunal that the general situation as regards housing is such that the order should be made. If such were the law, a landlord in this Colony would be in a much more unfavourable position than in England. Under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1933, (U.K.) the Court, in a case like the present, has merely to consider whether greater hardship would be caused to the tenant by granting the order than to the landlord by refusing.

"But if the learned Judge's view is correct, the Proclamation would impose upon a Hong Kong landlord the far more formidable task of satisfying the Court that the additional accommodation he seeks will not prejudice the potential needs of any other house-hunter. To cast such an onus upon a landlord would render the provisions of the paragraph well-nigh inoperative, for it is obvious that if a landlord, who already has one flat, is given possession of an additional one, there is one flat less for the needs of those who are seeking housing accommodation in this overcrowded city, so somebody must be prejudiced.

"Now is there anything in the Proclamation that requires the Court to read into the paragraph such a qualification as the foregoing? The answer, in my opinion, is that it is not necessary to get an exact conception of the scope and object of the Statute, and to consider what was the defect against which it was providing. But 'we must be entitled to read words into an Act of Parliament unless clear reason is to be found for it in the Act itself' (Vickers v. Evans 29 L.J. K.B. per Lord Loreburn L.C. at p. 211), and when the words admit of but one meaning, a Court is not at liberty to speculate on the intention of the Legislature and to construe them according to its own notions of what ought to have been enacted. The question for the Court is not what the Legislature meant but what its language unambiguously and clearly says. (Parham v. Q.B.D. 353). Moreover, Statutes which encroach on rights of property are subject to a strict construction and it is a recognised rule that they should be interpreted, if possible, so as to respect the rights of property. (Per Bowen J., Hough v. Windus 12 Q.B.D. 224.)

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF Strathmore Tatham Butlin of Messrs. Linthead & Davis, Gloucester Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of April 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 11th day of March 1947.

JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Executor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

## CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

### TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Friday the 28th March, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending the 31st December, 1946, and of electing three Directors and an Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 28th March, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
WONG WOON NAM  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1947.

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### ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday the 28th day of March, 1947, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 10th March to Friday the 28th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.  
A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1947.

## NOTICE THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG

The records of the above-named institution having been lost, information on the following matters is urgently required by the undersigned:—

- The names and present addresses of all members and any information they may have preserved about the Institution.
  - The names and addresses of persons or firms who have claims against the Institution, other than those whose claims have already been sent in.
  - Any facts which may lead to the tracing and recovery of any of the Institution's records, papers, documents, furniture or fittings.
- W. F. Simpson,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Medical Dept.,  
4th floor, Pise Brigade Building  
Cannagh Road, Hongkong.

## NOTICE THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

Members and Friends are invited to meet at the Gloucester (top floor) at 5.30 P.M. on FRIDAY 14th to bid farewell to Mr. JOHN WATSON.

THE COMMITTEE  
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1947.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 15th day of March to Friday, the 28th day of March, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the same place, and on the same day, at 2.45 o'clock in the afternoon, or so soon afterwards as the ordinary general meeting shall have concluded, an extraordinary general meeting of the Company will be held, when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as special resolutions:

- That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$2,799,300.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a bonus of Fifty Dollars per share on the 55,986 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared, and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 27,993 shares of the Company created as fully paid up amongst the persons who, on the 15th day of March, 1947, were registered as holders of the 55,986 shares of the Company; at the rate of one share for every two shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus as aforesaid; that in the case of odd share, the holder of such odd share shall be given the option of having one share allotted to him upon payment of the sum of \$50.00 by such holder to the Company in respect of such odd share; that should such option be not exercised, the Directors be empowered to dispose of such share as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend pari passu with the existing shares.
- That the remaining unissued shares of the Company be issued, and that the same be offered in the first instance at par to the members of the Company in proportion, as nearly as possible, of one share for every five complete shares (such shares to include the bonus shares to be issued to them pursuant to Special Resolution No. 1 hereof) held by them respectively, and upon the footing that the full amount of each share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer is not accepted by payment, and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## NOTICE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Members now resident in the Colony are hereby notified that unless their names are registered with the Secretary by 1st April, 1947, they will be considered as having resigned from the Club and will lose all privileges and rights of membership.

Likewise, members returning to the Colony in the future will be required to register their names within one month of the date of their arrival in order to retain membership of the Club.

By Order of the Committee,  
D. W. MINTON,  
Secretary.

Room 212, Windsor House, Phone 32340.

- That the authorised capital of the Company be increased to \$50,000,000.00 by the creation of 400,000 shares of \$100.00 each.
- That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1947.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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### NOTICE

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The Meeting advertised for Saturday, 8th March, 1947, has been postponed until Saturday, 15th March, 1947.

All previous arrangements as to Time and Entries, together with Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, including Through chances already booked will hold good for that date.

### DECLARATIONS

Owners are notified that all starting declarations are cancelled. Ponies starting on Saturday, 15th March, will require to be declared in the usual manner.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1947.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd March 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 17th March 1947.

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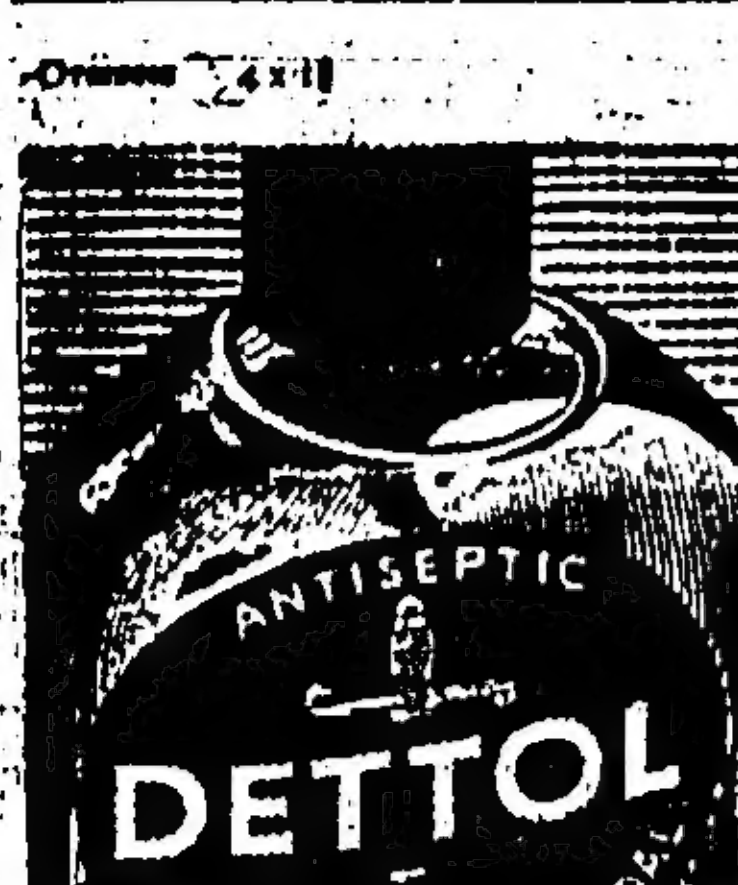
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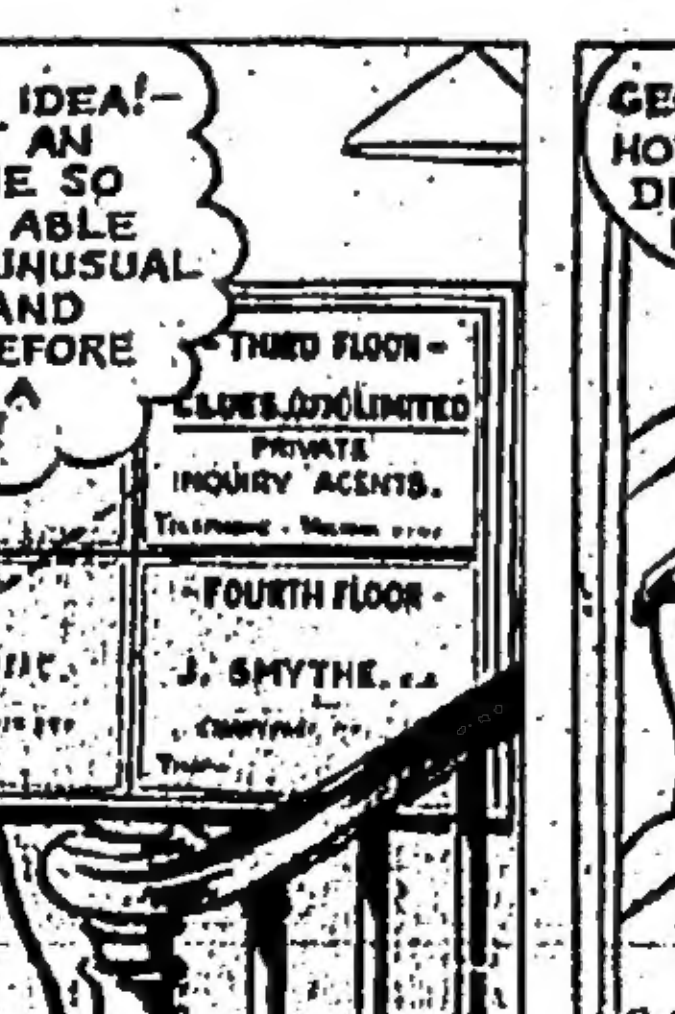
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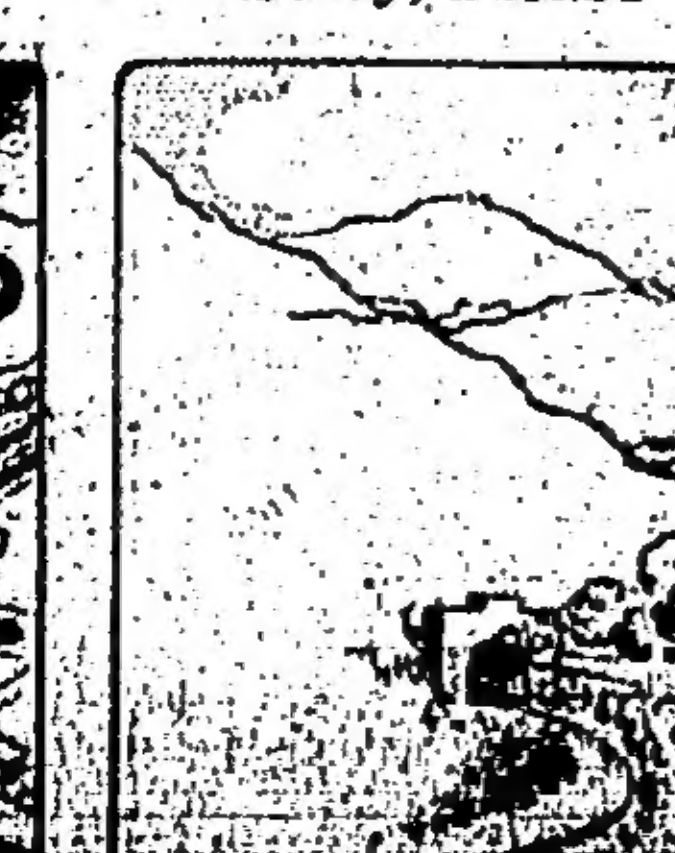
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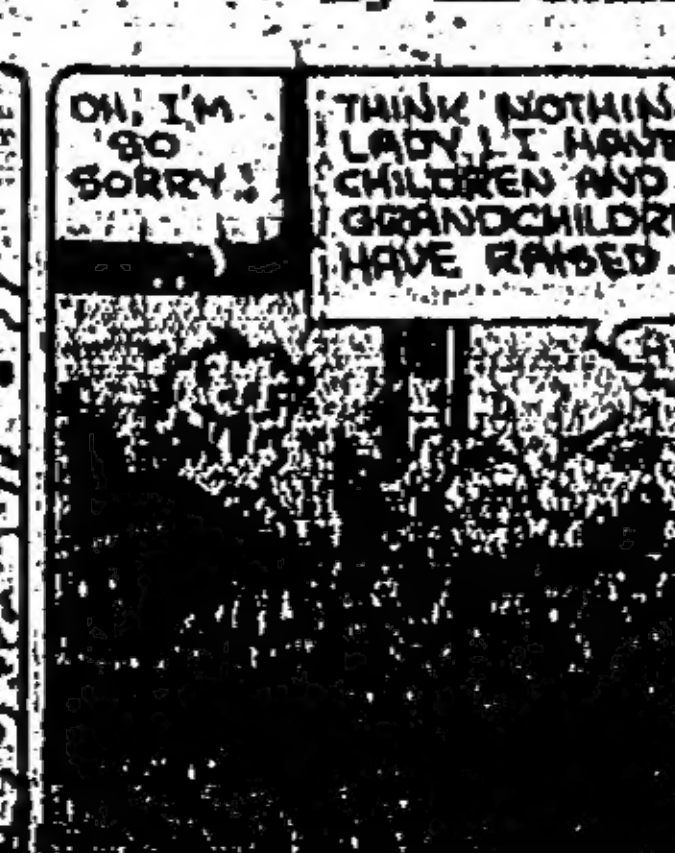
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## POOR FISH

One of the many features of the published draft of the proposed Inland Revenue Ordinance is bound to give rise to adverse comment is that accepting the principle that length of residence in the Colony must be treated as a factor in deciding whether or not taxes are collectible. Conspicuously lacking is the slightest indication of how Government expects to be in a position to determine whether or not an individual has resided in the Colony for the requisite 180 days in a year when there exists no machinery providing a check on the movements in or out of the Colony of 75 per cent. of the present-day population. Compliance on this score goes right to the root of the hostility to the so-called Income Tax measure. The ease of evasion emanates largely from the fact that a small proportion of the taxable community are sitting targets for the Income Tax Assessor bound to be subjected to the limits and at the same time well aware that there are many infinitely better able to meet the tax but to whom no open every channel for evasion.

The residential qualification provision of the present loop hole, supremely simplifying the task of the would-be evader. Without a system of immigration control, resentment is bound to deepen. Almost equally puzzling are the provisions of Clause 12 of the Bill insofar as they affect persons who have not been resident in the Colony throughout the "year before the year of assessment." Straightforward interpretation of this particular clause suggests that the general principle of the Bill, payment in arrears, is to be ignored and that from scores of Europeans, returned from repatriation leave, Government intends to demand tax on virtually a Pay As You Earn basis. Doubtless these things will be explained when the Bill gets to Legislative Council, if it is to be allowed to get that far. In the meantime, the impression increases that the official approach to "Inland Revenue" does not concern itself with equitable distribution with spreading the tax evenly over those who can afford to pay. It seems to be concerned only with revenue as revenue, the aim being to catch the easy fish, and let others if they must, describe the size of those that get away.

## KING'S ENGLISH

After Mr. Churchill announced a Government decision to foster the development of Basic English, as "an auxiliary international and administrative language" in March, 1944, the subject vanished into a deep obscurity. It has recently made its reappearance in a somewhat unexpected place. The Civil Appropriation Accounts reveal that Mr. C. K. Ogden, the inventor of this 850-word version of our mother tongue, has been paid £23,000 for his copyright by the British Council on behalf of the Crown. Basic is now, therefore, the King's English by right of purchase. Responsibility for developing this asset was laid upon the Foreign Office acting through the British Council, and its spread was promoted by our diplomatic and commercial representatives, by Colonial Governments and by the B.B.C. Though many doubt if a static, artificial language can ever become a living medium of expression, the useful possibilities of Basic English as an international tongue justifies some experiments in its dissemination. Now that the British taxpayer has a vested interest in the subject, some information as to the success attending past efforts would not be out of place. If this simplified language is gaining ground as a means of international communication, it may be necessary for the English themselves to learn it.

## What Do You Like In Your Newspaper?

## How An Editor Selects What You Read

By RONALD MCKIE

When he was in Sydney last month Mr. Christopher Chancellor, general manager for Reuters, a world-wide news-gathering organization, said that Australian newspapers were as good as any in the world. To keep our papers at this world standard, responsible newspapermen have to sift through reams of "copy" and select, publish, edit, correct, and print what they think that the space could be much more intelligently filled with, say, educational topics. However, most readers agree that news should be factual and objective with editorial comment reserved for the editorial.

Don't run away with the idea that it's hard to be a daily newspaper. The trouble is to decide what to leave out. It is a daily and momentous task to select and print everything of interest.

The final result you open at your breakfast table or in your handbag-bound train or tram is the product of a daily and momentous task to select and print everything of interest.

So, before you fall over in the street, we can lead you to the door of the newspaper. The editor's job is to select and print everything of interest.

For example, the real reason why the Telegraph has recently published so many pictures and stories about school children, clowns, and yawns, and sketches is that the editor is nuts about such things.

John S. Knight, editor and publisher of the Detroit Free Press, made the smartest brief summary of a modern newspaper when he said that a newspaper mirrors the people who read it. Newspapers, generally, he said, reflect the personal and community life, attitudes, interests, prejudices, and general trends of opinion.

For instance, one type of reader wants to know more about what's happening in the world, and plays for extra foreign news, others think newspapers print too much "overhead" copy.

Some people regard comic features, society columns, and other staff as "publishing" and

comics, weather, and local sports columnists, while among women the best read departmental features were deaths (another indication of the constitutional morbidity of the female); comics, humor panels, odd snippets, and the weather.

Health and Hollywood columns were popular with women, and the survey showed that half all women readers interviewed consistently read the advice to the lovelorn and misunderstood columns.

Next in female interest came dress patterns, menus and recipes, food advice, and needlework patterns.

Society gossip rated 10 points higher than the best read column.

Men preferred the so-called political columns like Drew Pearson, Westbrook Pegler, Walter Lippmann, and others.

Most women read Eleanor Roosevelt, George Sokolsky, Dorothy Thompson, Westbrook Pegler, Drew Pearson, and Walter Lippmann in that order of interest.

The results of this survey probably helped many wrathful subscribers to understand why what has been called "Eleanor's trash" was published so widely in American newspapers.

In the comic field, interest ranged from 70 per cent. for the most widely read down to about 50 per cent. for the poorest.

Dismissing these results, John S. Knight said that, although the percentages were gathered scientifically they should be accepted with some reservations.

For instance, the percentages cannot be applied to any one city because they represent averages based on the consolidation of 100 surveys of individual newspapers.

Well-edited, fearless newspapers tend to bring up the national average, while uninteresting papers naturally pull it down.

When he published these results in the Detroit Free Press, Knight said:

"We present this information purely as a matter of public interest, and with the hope that it may help to clear up some of the erroneous opinions held about newspapers and their content."

"No one should conclude, however, that it would be possible to edit a first-rate newspaper along purely scientific lines."

"The stature of a great newspaper in its own community, its reputation for accuracy and fair dealing, the intangibles that have accrued to it through the peculiar genius of many reporters, editors, and publishers—these are the qualities that are never brought to light in a scientific survey."

He concludes with this comment: "Nor can they, thank the Lord, be sold over the radio like breakfast foods and body odor cures."

## AIR AGREEMENT

Canberra, Mar. 10. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador Butler today signed an agreement whereby the Australian Government sets up Eagle Farm Airfield, Brisbane, as an international airport for American trans-Pacific commercial planes.

Australia will obtain landing rights in the United States—United Press.

## A Shock For Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 11. The British and French delegations to the Moscow Foreign Ministers' conference are causing widespread eye-brow lifting among the Russian people.

The British version of proper garb for the winter wear in the

By EDDY GILMORE

Soviet capital has been the cause of particular amusement. Dressed in uniform from cloth coats similar to those donned by chauffeurs in Russia and wearing furry white hats resembling those of the Caucasian sheepherders, the British look like the Russians like something that had slipped off the stage of an opera house.

Many Russians are coming to the conference only to get a look at them. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, unfortunately, did not come dressed like

most of his delegation. He appeared in a black, conservatively conforming to the general Russian idea of what the British diplomat looks like.

Many in the British delegation—accustomed to close rationing at home—also have attracted attention of Russian waiters by their hearty appetites with which they attacked the generous fare offered by the Moscow hotels.

Said one waiter at the hotel Moscow: "The food situation in Britain must be worse than anywhere in the world judging from the way these people eat."

The sensations of the French delegation are the girl clerks and stenographers who dash about the winter streets wearing wide skirts, fur jackets and no hats.

"Put these girls together with the British delegation and you would have a perfectly contained chorus for the theatre, and one Russian Associated Press.

## Embassies Suggested For Dominions

The "Manchester Guardian" takes in an editorial why should not Britain's five high commissions be given the status of embassies.

The day of happy-go-lucky improvisation is past, the editorial stated, and the "unpleasant" fact that "this special field of international relations is so little understood."

The status, staffing and organization of the Dominions "service" called for as much consideration as any branch of the public service. It had come into existence almost haphazardly, but its importance had grown enormously.

The "Manchester Guardian" added: "It will continue to grow as one British territory after another attains self-government."

The editorial was inspired by the visit to Canada recently of Sir William Clark, a former high commissioner in Ottawa and later in South Africa, who was beginning the first stage of an inquiry into the whole question of Britain's dominions.

"Manchester Guardian" pointed out that when Mr. Anthony Eden, as Foreign Secretary, caused plans to be prepared for the reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service, few observers remarked that the account was taken of the machinery for the representation of Britain with self-governing dominions.

The "Manchester Guardian" also pointed out that there were no British consular offices in the dominions. Britain therefore had virtually no representatives outside the capitals—only a "tiny band" of trade commissioners, and these often had a bullwink far larger than the British Isles.

Also they were servants of the Board of Trade rather than the Dominions Office, although they frequently played a role quite outside their commercial functions.

Urging that immediate attention be paid to the method of appointment of staff to dominion positions, the "Manchester Guardian" claimed that it was essential for staff in South Africa, for example, to be acquainted with Africans, and for men appointed to Canada to speak French. Security was also involved, as the Ottawa spy trials had shown. The editorial concluded that attention to detail in this matter was part and parcel of the problem of relations between Britain and the dominions. "Their treatment may help to shape these relations hereafter," it said. Among the pointed questions the editorial asked was, "Should posts be filled by career officials or by men of political distinction or experience?"

The Australian High Commissioner, Mr. Beasley, referring to

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"If we had all this, we would have freedom plus security and the mental breakdowns," United Press.

## SANITY IN A DEMOCRACY

Chicago, Mar. 10. It is harder to remain sane in a democracy than in a totalitarian state, a psychiatrist said today.

Statistically, the insanity rate in the United States is greater than in Russia, according to Dr. Rudolph G. Novick, medical director of the Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene.

"In a democracy," he said, "the citizen is called upon to make decisions, display initiative, select leaders. Life being what it is, the individual's plans do not always work out right, which results in feelings of insecurity and frustration."

"The individual living in a totalitarian state does not have to think or plan or prove himself and his abilities. All thinking and planning is done for him. The super-state becomes a father to whom he looks for all decisions."

"Free enterprise, supposedly gives freedom. Totalitarianism supposedly gives security. There is some doubt that either one delivers 10 ounces to the pound of its main product."

"Freedom is a tough thing to handle. It requires maturity, and a great many Americans are immature. Right now, we are fretted by a sense of insecurity stemming from inflation, unemployment, the fear of another war, the servicemen's readjustment to civilian life, and bad housing."

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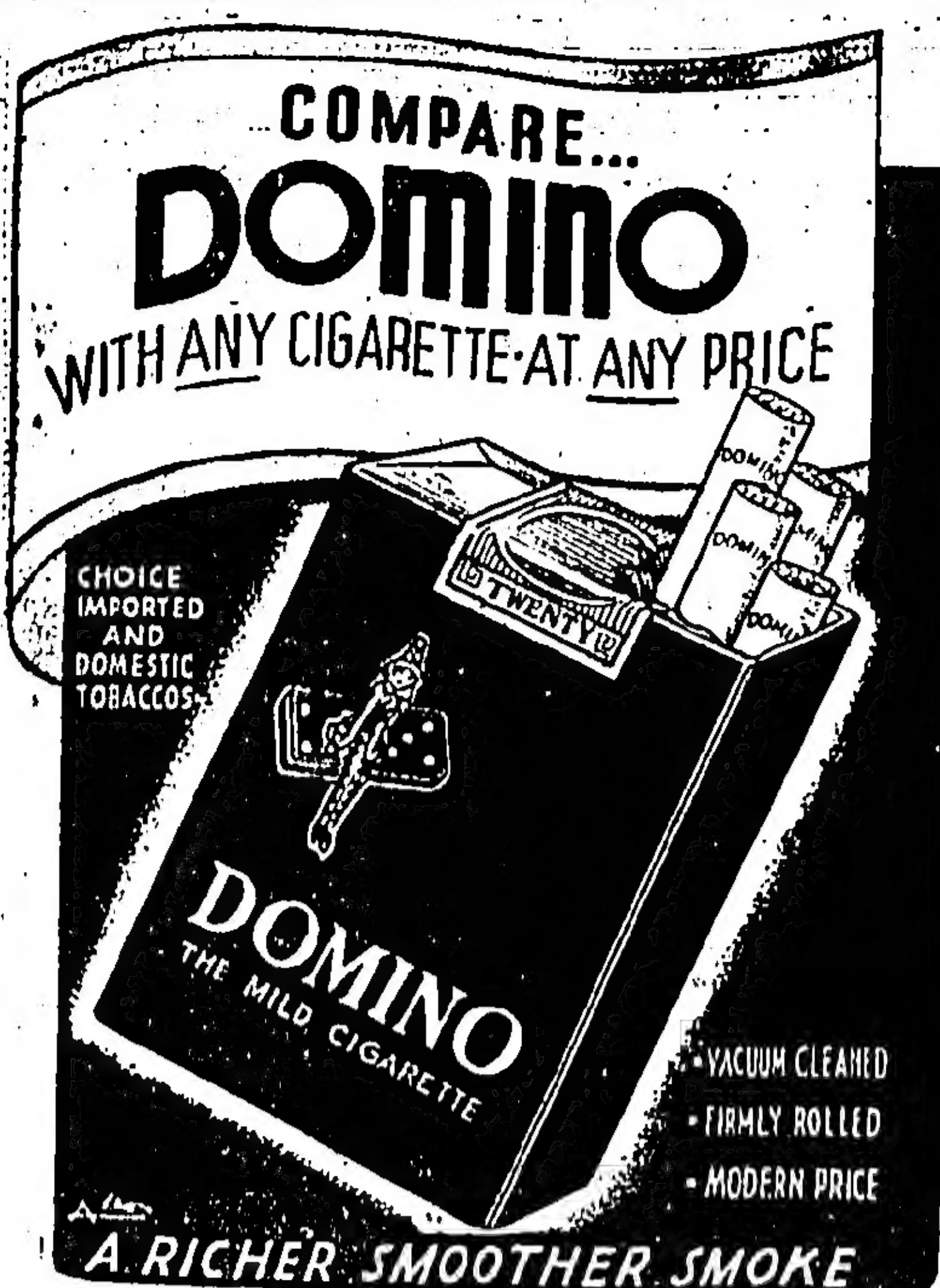
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## TWINS, TRIPLETS, QUADS

Quadruplets have been born in the wife of a factory worker in Sumperk district of Moravia, who already has triplets and two pairs of twins, the Czech News Agency reported.





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## MOSCOW TALKS SURPRISE Foreign Ministers To Discuss China

### 'Dead' Man To Wed Again

San Francisco, Mar. 11.—A veteran of Bataan who turned up alive in a Japanese prison camp and came home to find his wife married to another man, will wed an Army nurse on Thursday.

Sergeant Kenneth Michaels was legally declared dead after the Bataan campaign and his wife, notified in Oklahoma City, later rewed.

Michaels, found in a prison camp on Kyushu at the end of the war, learned of his wife's remarriage and decided to step aside.

His wife obtained a divorce. Two weeks ago in Letterman General Hospital here Michaels met Lt. Margaret Harmon who just returned from Korea.

Looking forward to Thursday's wedding ceremony, Sergeant Michaels said, "At last I am going to get a chance to lose around a lieutenant." Associated Press.

### At Request Of Soviet Russia

Moscow, Mar. 10.—At the first meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow it was agreed to adopt a six point agenda.

The deputies are to consider tomorrow morning the best way of tackling the report of the Allied Control Council on the implementation of the Potsdam agreement, which is the first item on the agenda.

The deputies on Austria will continue working on the Austrian draft peace treaties begun in London.

At the request of M. Molotov the Ministers are to discuss the situation in China in pursuance of the decision taken by the Big Three Foreign Ministers in Moscow in December, 1945, to encourage the democratic development of a united China.

The U.S. Secretary of State, General George C. Marshall, in agreeing to place China on the agenda, asked the meeting to consider also the limitation of Allied occupation forces throughout Europe as already proposed by Mr. F. Byrnes in New York.

M. Molotov said that as

### Americans In Haifa Court

JERUSALEM, MAR. 10.—TWENTY MEN, INCLUDING 18 AMERICANS, ALLEGED TO BE THE CREW OF THE JEWISH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT SHIP ABIL, WERE REMANDED FOR 14 DAYS AT HAIFA TODAY ON A CHARGE OF "AIDING AND ABETTING" THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF THE SHIP'S 600 JEWISH PASSENGERS INTO PALESTINE.

For "security reasons," the prisoners were not taken into court but instead a magistrate went to the Haifa central police station and conducted formal proceedings there. The ship Abil, formerly the Ben Hecht, reached Palestine on Saturday night.

Last night, the American League for a Free Palestine issued a statement declaring that the Abil left New York on December 27 with 900 immigrants and asking what happened to the 300 unaccounted for.

"Those three hundred Hebrews did not disappear into thin air or into the Mediterranean," it said. "Let the British try and find them."

The Ben Hecht was under charter to the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation. —Reuter.

### Hotbed Of Fascism

Bolzano, Italy, Mar. 10.—Italian fascism is trying to come to life again in the Alpine area of northern Italy, it is charged by German-speaking residents of that area.

Dr. Friedrich Volgger, leader of the pro-Austrian Volksfront (people's party) in the South Tyrol, claims that so many Italian fascists are gathering in the Upper Adige that it has become a "hotbed of Italian reaction."

The 35-year-old leader of 20,000 German-speaking people in Bolzano province, which includes the strategic Brenner Pass, produced handbills which are being distributed throughout northern Italy. One such tract read: "March on, Fascists, go to Upper Adige, our paradise. From that paradise we will reconquer Italy."

Volgger, a wartime inmate of Dachau concentration camp, said that repeated Italian guarantees that local autonomy privileges for the German-speaking minority would be respected "were on paper only and had never been satisfactorily carried out." —United Press.

### Caught On The Hop

Rome, Mar. 10.—Rome's astute black market currency operators were caught unprepared today by the United States Army order cancelling military scrip.

By noon, hustling speculators in the Piazza Colonna were desperately trying to sell scrip for as low as 350 lire, 24 lire below the old legal price for the military and 100 less than the former black market price.

By mid-afternoon, dealers were trying to obtain the new scrip on the basis of three old dollars for one new one. Tonight, the Piazza's street cleaners swept up abandoned currency.

Army Headquarters said personnel in Italy were mustered at five a.m. to exchange old certificates for new ones. —United Press.

### MURDERED U.S. AIRMAN

Frankfurt, Mar. 10.—The Army announced today that three more Germans had been punished by death and life imprisonment sentences for murdering an American flier.

The war crimes court at Dachau found Fritz Muller, Hans Siebold and Albert Schraff guilty of violating International Law for their killing of a surrendered American flier, Friedrichshagen, in 1944.

Muller was sentenced to death and his two accomplices to life imprisonment. —United Press.

Marshall's policy after 13 months of failure to produce peace, between the Nationalist and the Communist forces in China is currently following a "hands off policy."

This is designed to give Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese liberals a chance to work out their own salvation.

The last thing the American and British wish is an active campaign in that area of the world comparable to the situation now existing in most of Europe. —Associated Press.

### Truman's Plan To Check Communism

Washington, Mar. 10.—The White House announced today that President Truman will outline to the people and Congress on Wednesday the programme which he considers necessary to prevent the spread of Communism to Greece and the Near East.

The announcement followed conferences with Congressional leaders of both parties in which the President discussed the critical Greek economic situation and the possible results of an economic collapse in that country.

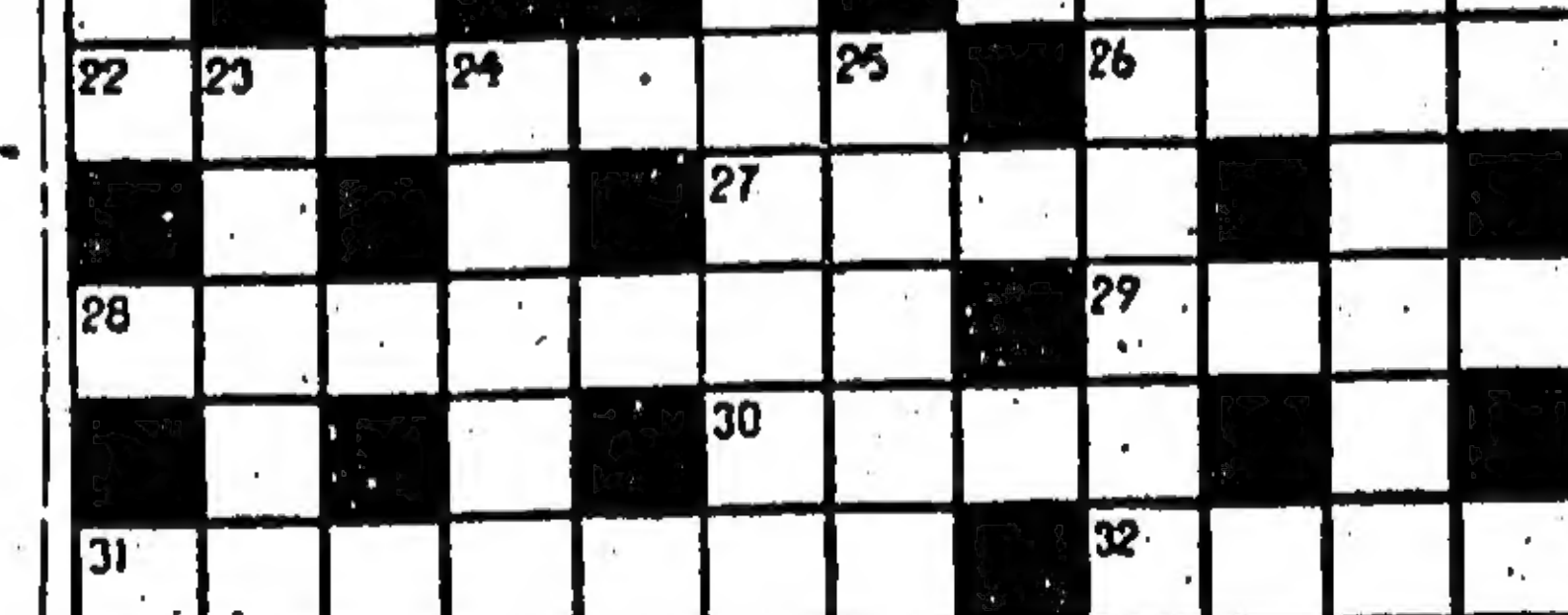
President Truman will deliver a 20-minute speech to a joint session of Congress.

It is understood that President Truman will (1) request even more than the US\$250,000,000 first predicted that he would ask

for Greece, and (2) also probably mention Turkey, which is at present engaged in a war of nerves with Russia for control of the Dardanelles.

Congressional leaders are non-committal about the conference as they are pledged to secrecy. However, the Senate Republican Whip, Mr. Kenneth Wherry, said he hopes President Truman will discuss not only the Greek loan "but all other prospective commitments" of the United States. —United Press.

### A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Clues Across</b>             | <b>Clues Down</b>                             |
| 1. Fort.                        | 17. Keen.                                     |
| 4. Exact.                       | 18. Whirlpool.                                |
| 8. Part.                        | 19. Resident.                                 |
| 9. Border.                      | 20. Reposed.                                  |
| 10. Charged with 27. Multitude. | 21. Ours.                                     |
| 11. Spice.                      | 22. Adjective of nationality.                 |
| 12. Emblem of eagles.           | 23. Clip.                                     |
| 13. Surround.                   | 24. Claw.                                     |
|                                 | 25. Cinema; 27. Touts; 28. Alien; 29. Scythe. |

**Yesterday's Crossword**  
ACROSS:—1. Repeat; 5. Doubt; 8. Refer; 9. Foeman; 10. Valid; 11. Basic; 12. Rush; 13. Alarm; 16. Elated; 18. Recede; 20. Fresh; 22. Metz; 23. Tepid; 25. Trinal; 26.

DOWN:—1. Riff-raff; 2. Pressure; 3. Arab; 4. Tenable; 5. Deviate; 6. Oracle; 7. Briar; 14. Adherent; 15. Moderate; 16. Echelon; 17. Addicts; 18. Estate; 21. Rural; 24. Disc.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.**  
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Room at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE MEETING.

The Treasurer's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.15 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 12345).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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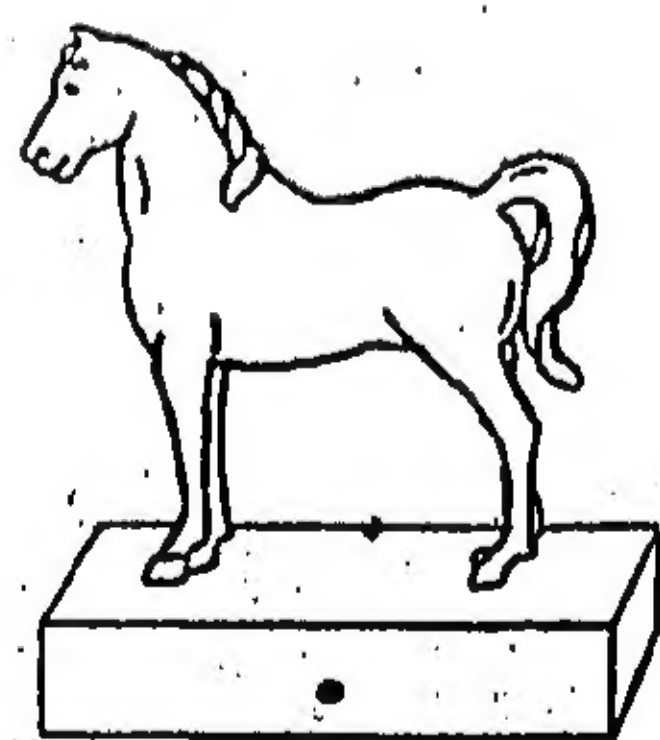
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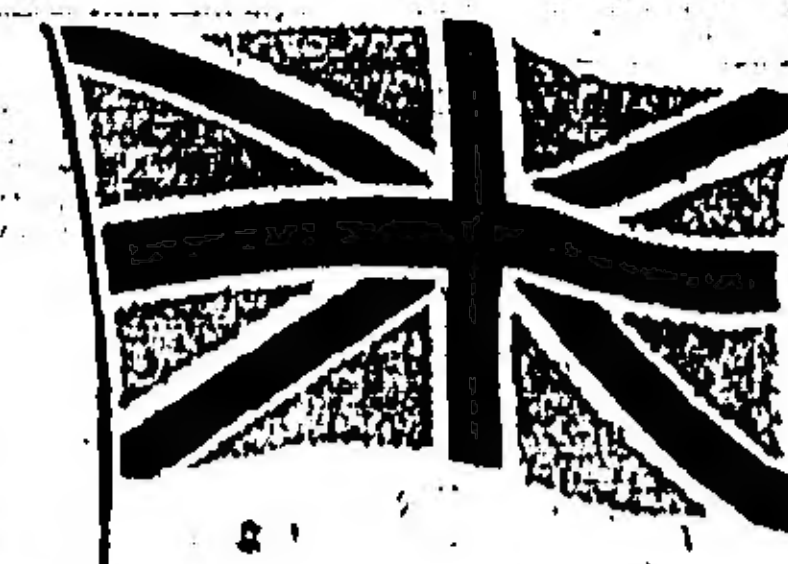
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